

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1208
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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Austin P. and Helen Wilhoit on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on May 16, 1954, Austin P. Wilhoit and Helen Merritt Wheatley were joined in holy matrimony in Greenville, South Carolina, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Wilhoit have been highly respected citizens of the Greeneville, Tennessee, community for many years; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, a Korean War Veteran, Mr. Austin P. Wilhoit is a retired fireman who also worked in the office of the Greene County Court Clerk; he is a member of Trinity United Methodist Church of Greeneville; and

WHEREAS, owner/operator of Helen's Beauty Shop, Mrs. Helen Wilhoit is a graduate of the Knoxville School of Cosmetology and retired in 1998 from Hurd Lock; she is a member of First Baptist Church of Greeneville; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced two devoted children, sons Austin Brett Wilhoit and Charles Ira Wilhoit; and

WHEREAS, the Wilhoits are also the proud grandparents of Dustin Lane Wilhoit and Seth Jackson Wilhoit; and

WHEREAS, for 50 years this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Wilhoits's are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Austin P. and Helen Wilhoit on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.